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REQUEST FOR

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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Group Art Unit	2655
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114		
a. Previously submitted		
 i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on		
 b. Enclosed i. Amendment based on October 13, 2004 Telecon ii Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iv. Other 	erence	
2. Miscellaneous		
a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period ofmonths. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)		
b. Other		
3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.		
 a. \text{The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 08-0750. 		
i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)		
ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) iii. Other Any deficiency for a fee required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17.		
b. Check in the amount of \$ 790.00 enclosed		
c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)		
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Sir:

Concurrent with the filing of this Rule 1.114 Request for Continued Examination, and responsive to the Final Office Action dated June 9, 2004, and to the teleconference conducted with the Examiner on October 13, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments of Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.